

Division of Health Hazards Control

James River Basin

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Waterbody and Affected Boundaries	Affected Localities	Contaminant	Species	Advisories / Restriction
Maury River from Buena Vista at Rt. 60 ~15 miles to the confluence of the James River (12/13/04)	Rockbridge Co. and Buena Vista City	PCBs	Redbreast Sunfish	No more than two meals/month
		PCBs	Rock Bass	
		PCBs	Yellow Bullhead Catfish	
James River from Big Island Dam (below Blue Ridge Parkway) downstream to the I-95 James River Bridge in Richmond including its tributaries Hardware River up to Rt. 6 bridge and Slate River up to Rt. 676 bridge. These river segments comprise ~234 miles. (12/13/04)	Amherst Co. and Bedford Co., Lynchburg City, Campbell Co., Appomattox Co., Nelson Co., Buckingham Co., Albemarle Co., Fluvanna Co., Cumberland Co., Goochland Co., Powhatan Co., Henrico Co., Chesterfield Co., and Richmond City	PCBs	Gizzard Shad	No more than two meals/month
		PCBs	Carp	
		PCBs	American Eel	
		PCBs	Flathead Catfish	
		PCBs	Quillback Carpsucker	
James River from the I-95 James River bridge in Richmond downstream to the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel and the tidal portion of the following tributaries: Appomattox River up to Lake Chesdin Dam, Bailey Creek up to Rt. 630, Bailey Bay, Chickahominy River up to Walkers Dam, Skiffes Creek up to Skiffes Creek Dam, Pagan River and its tributary Jones Creek, Chuckatuck Creek, Nansemond River and its tributaries Bennett Creek and Star Creek, Hampton River, Willoughby Bay and the Elizabeth River system (Western Br., Eastern Br., Southern Br., and Lafayette River) and tidal tributaries St. Julian Creek, Deep Creek, and Broad Creek. These river segments comprise ~325 miles. (PCBs, 7/1/02; modified 6/15/04;12/13/04; Kepone, 7/1/88)	Richmond City, Henrico Co., Chesterfield Co., Charles City Co., Hopewell City, Colonial Heights City, Petersburg City, Dinwiddie Co., Prince George Co., Surry Co., James City., New Kent Co., Isle of Wight Co., Newport News City, Suffolk City, Portsmouth City, Hampton City, Norfolk City, Chesapeake City and Virginia Beach City	PCBs	Gizzard Shad	DO NOT EAT
		PCBs	Carp	DO NOT EAT
		PCBs	Blue Catfish ≥ 32 inches	DO NOT EAT
		PCBs	Blue Catfish < 32 inches	No more than two meals/month
		PCBs	Channel Catfish	
		PCBs	White Catfish	
		PCBs	Largemouth Bass	
		PCBs	Bluegill Sunfish	
		PCBs	American Eel	
		PCBs	Flathead Catfish	
		PCBs	Quillback Carpsucker	
		PCBs	Smallmouth Bass	
		PCBs	Creek Chub	
		PCBs	Yellow Bullhead Catfish	
		PCBs	White Perch	
		PCBs	Anadromous (coastal) Striped Bass	
		PCBs	Bluefish	
		PCBs	Croaker	
		PCBs	Spot	
		Kepone	All Species	Limit consumption on a daily basis. However, PCBs advisory is more restrictive. Follow the PCBs advisory for the species listed.